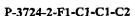
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other soft, relatively low modulus non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers may also be utilized to produce the outer cover layer as long as the non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers produce the playability and durability characteristics desired without adversely effecting the enhanced spin characteristics produced by the low acid ionomer resin compositions. Preferably, the non-ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers have a Shore D hardness of 64 or less. These include, but are not limited to thermoplastic polyurethanes such as: Texin® thermoplastic polyurethanes from Mobay Chemical Co. and the Pellethane® thermoplastic polyurethanes from Dow Chemical Co.; Ionomer/rubber blends such as those in Spalding U.S. Patents 4,986,545; 5,098,105 and 5,187,013; and, Hytrel® polyester elastomers from DuPont and Pebax® polyesteramides from Elf Atochem S.A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 11 as follows:

a core:

an inner cover layer disposed about said core, said inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of at least 60, said inner cover layer comprising a blend of two or more ionomeric resins, each containing no more than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid; and

an outer cover layer disposed on said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.07 inches, and comprising a polyurethane material.

YM. (TWICE AMENDED) A golf ball comprising:

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a core:

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